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Amendment

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REMARKS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the very careful consideration of the application.

Claims 1 – 31 were in the application. Claims 1, 6 – 11, 16, 17, 20, 21, and 23 – 31 were allowed by the Examiner. Claims 2, 3, 12, 13, 18, 19, and 22 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Shina (EP 0189325). Claims 4, 5, 14, and 15 were objected to by the Examiner as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


Claims 2, 3, 12, 13, 18, 19, and 22 have been canceled. Claims 4, 5, 14, and 15 have been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, the claims remaining in the application, namely, claims 1, 4 – 11, 14 – 17, 20, 21, and 23 – 31 should be in condition for allowance.

Favorable action by the Examiner is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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